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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF VALOR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FROM VALOR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. TO NEW VALOR, AND THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF ALLTEL HOLDING CORP. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FROM ALLTEL CORPORATION TO NEW VALOR

WC Docket No. 05-354

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau ("Bureau") approves the applications for: (1) the transfer of control of Valor Communications Group, Inc. ("Valor") and its subsidiaries from Valor, as presently owned, to New Valor, as it will be owned following a merger between Valor and ALLTEL Holding Corp. ("AHC"), a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLTEL Corporation ("ALLTEL"); and (2) the transfer of control of AHC and its subsidiaries from ALLTEL to New Valor. ¹ No comments were filed in this proceeding.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfers will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorizations.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice.³ Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

See Domestic Section 214 Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of Valor Communications Group, Inc. and its Subsidiaries from Valor Communications Group, Inc. to New Valor, and the Transfer of Control of Alltel Holding Corp. and its Subsidiaries from Alltel Corporation to New Valor, WC Docket No. 05-354, Public Notice, DA 05-3353 (rel. Dec. 29, 2005).

See Joint Applications of Global Crossing Ltd., and Citizens Communications Company for Authority to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 20, 22, 63, 78, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8511-14 (CCB/IB/CSB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent LECs with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).

Action on these domestic section 214 applications is without prejudice to any action the Commission may take on any related, pending applications.

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